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3 days after Exxon Valdez ran aground

Location Prince William Sound, Alaska

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Date March 24, 1989

Cause

Cause Grounding of the Exxon Valdez oil tanker

Operator Exxon

Spill characteristics

Volume 260,000 barrels (41,000 m<sup>3</sup>) – 750,000 barrels (119,000 m<sup>3</sup>)

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The Exxon Valdez oil spill occurred in Prince William Sound, Alaska, on March 24, 1989, when the Exxon Valdez, an oil tanker bound for Long Beach, California, struck Prince William Sound's Bligh Reef and spilled 260,000 to 750,000 barrels (41,000 to 119,000 m<sup>3</sup>) of crude oil.[1][2] It is considered to be one of the most devastating human-caused environmental disasters.[3] The Valdez spill was the largest ever in U.S. waters until the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill, in terms of volume released.[4] However, Prince William Sound's remote location, accessible only by helicopter, plane, and boat, made government and industry response efforts difficult and severely taxed existing plans for response. The region is a habitat for salmon, sea otters, seals and seabirds. The oil, originally extracted at the Prudhoe Bay oil field, eventually covered 1,300 miles (2,100 km) of coastline,[5] and 11,000 square miles (28,000 km<sup>2</sup>) of ocean.[6] Then Exxon CEO, Lawrence G. Rawl, shaped the company's response.[7]

This is a timeline of events focused on the initial crisis surrounding the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, also known as the BP or Gulf Coast Oil Spill. The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill (also referred to as the BP Oil Spill, or Gulf Coast Oil Spill) that began on April 20th, 2010, has become one of the worst environmental disasters in U.S. history. Current estimates place the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill as surpassing the Exxon Valdez Spill of 1989 in volume.

At approximately 10:00pm (CST), an explosion occurred on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, positioned in the Gulf of Mexico just 42 miles southeast of Venice on the coast of Louisiana. Of the 126 people that were on board at the time, 17 were injured and 11 are missing. Survivors were evacuated by the U.S. Coastguard.

April 21, 2010: Rear Admiral Mary Landry was appointed by the Obama Administration as the Federal

On-Scene Coordinator.

At approximately 10:22am (CST) a second explosion occurred on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, this time causing the rig to sink. No injuries and no deaths were reported from this second explosion.

April 23, 2010: Rear Admiral Mary Landry was quoted as saying that no oil was leaking into the Gulf from the well head or at the water's surface, and she claimed that the oil that was being contained was residual from the explosion and sinking. At approximately 5:00pm (CST) that evening, the Coast Guard called off the search for those 11 individuals still missing and presumed dead from the initial explosion of the Deep Water Horizon. The three day search included 28 air and ocean craft, and spanned approximately 5,375 miles.

April 24, 2010: Rear Admiral Mary Landry revised her earlier statement, saying "We thought what we were dealing with as of yesterday was a surface residual [oil] from the mobile offshore drilling unit. In addition to that is oil emanating from the well." Officials released estimates that as much as 700,000 gallons of diesel may have been on board the rig, and the well itself appeared to be leaking approximately 1,000 barrels of oil each day.

More on this topic [Filing a Claim with BP Oil Spill - Loss of Income and Interim Pay Watch Live Streaming Video of BP Oil Spill on SpillCam](#) [BP Claims Phone Numbers and Gulf Coast Claims Facility Hotline](#) April 26, 2010: Officials indicated that it could take months to stem the flood of oil spewing into the ocean as a result of the Deepwater Horizon explosion. Estimates were still positive, and indicated that the spill would have to continue for approximately 262 days in order to reach the same scope as the Exxon Valdez Spill of 1989.

April 27, 2010: BP received permits to drill a relief well, half a mile away from the site of the Deepwater Horizon.

April 28, 2010: The oil slick from the Deepwater Horizon advanced to within 20 miles of the Louisiana coastline. Coast Guard officials announced that they were considering a controlled burn to mitigate the damage. Doug Suttle, BP exec, defended the companies clean-up efforts stating that the company was investing "\$6 million per day". A third oil leak was discovered in the Deepwater Horizon.

April 29, 2010: Rear Admiral Mary Landry announced in a news conference that a NOA scientist concluded that oil was spilling into the gulf at a rate of 5,000 barrels of oil each day. This was five times the initial estimated amount provided on April 24th.

April 30, 2010: Industry experts speculated that oil may be leaking at a rate of 25,000 barrels per day,

more than five times the official quantity reported by government officials. Obama put a halt on new offshore drilling until causes of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill could be determined.

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